



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

2006 Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's sixth youth waterfowl hunt is scheduled for three consecutive Saturdays in November and December 2006. This hunt will take place within a part of the former Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff) located in Chatham County, Georgia about four miles west of Port Wentworth off Georgia Highway 21. Participants in the youth hunt will be selected by random drawing. No more than two youths may apply as a party with one adult supervisor. There will be three separate hunt days: November 25, December 2 and December 9, 2006. **Adult supervisors will not be allowed to hunt.**

Applications for permits must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges office by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2006 to be entered in the drawing. Twelve hunters will be selected for each hunt by drawing on Tuesday, September 5 and notified that their permit will be issued following receipt of their \$12.50 permit fee* (due by October 16). Applications must include the name, address, phone number, and birth date of the supervising adult; and the name and birth date of each youth. Applicants should list and prioritize hunt dates desired.

The map attached to the permit application outlines the area within the refuge designated for the youth waterfowl hunt, and provides directions to the Oak Grove Bluff entrance gate. For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please contact the Savannah Coastal Refuges office at 912/652-4415.

***Personal checks will not be accepted. Permit fees must be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

APPLICATION INFORMATION and HUNT REGULATIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before completing the permit application for the youth waterfowl hunt on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

The hunt will be limited to a maximum of 12 youth hunters (two per blind) per day. Hunters will be selected by drawing. All applications must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges (SCR) office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2006 to be entered in the drawing which will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

Eligibility requirements: Applicants for the youth waterfowl hunt must be 15 years of age or younger, and must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in the waterfowl hunt. Satisfactory completion of the course must be demonstrated by a state-issued card or certificate.

Only one application may be submitted per youth hunter; no more than two youths may apply as a party. Each youth or party application must include the name, birth date, phone number, and address of the adult who will serve as the youth/party supervisor. Applicants who apply more than once for the hunt will be rejected. Only complete and correct applications will be included in the drawing.

Applicants must prioritize their hunt date choices (November 25, December 2 and December 9, 2006). Only selected applicants will be notified following the drawing.

A \$12.50 permit fee (cashier's check or money order, **no personal checks**, payable to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service) is required of selected youth hunters by October 16, 2005. Please do not submit payment until you receive notification.

Hunt permits are non-transferable, valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit, and must include the signature of the supervising adult.

Scouting within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff), which includes the area designated for the youth waterfowl hunt, is permitted during daylight hours on all days other than the hunt days.

All youths/parties and their supervisors must arrive at the Oak Grove Bluff gate by 5:00 a.m. on each hunt day for check-in, orientation, and blind assignments.

Six blinds will be available, and access to these may require wading or padding a flat bottom boat (provided by the refuge).

This hunt will be managed entirely within the Oak Grove Bluff property which is located in Chatham County, Georgia (a refuge vicinity map and directions to the entrance gate are attached to the hunt application form).

SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

All Georgia waterfowl hunting regulations will apply in addition to more restrictive, specific refuge regulations which are listed.

Hunting will be from designated blinds only.

Each youth hunter or youth party (two youths) must be accompanied by one adult who will participate in a non-hunting capacity.

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The supervising adult must be 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the youth hunter/hunters. The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

Shooting hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon.

Dogs may be used to retrieve waterfowl, but they must be under control at all times.

Decoys may be used but cannot be left on the refuge overnight.

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2006 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT PERMIT APPLICATION

Please read the regulations attached before completing this application

Your application must be received at the Savannah Coastal Refuges office by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2006 to be considered for this hunt. Mail your application to:

**Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
1000 Business Center Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31405**

SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2006 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT PERMIT APPLICATION

YOUTH HUNTER #1 NAME _____

Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # _____

YOUTH HUNTER #2 NAME _____

Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # _____

SUPERVISING ADULT NAME _____

Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # _____

HUNT DATE PREFERENCES

(you may apply for all hunts; use #1 for first choice, #2 for second, and #3 for third)

_____ **November 25, 2006**

_____ **December 2, 2006**

_____ **December 9, 2006**

Youth Waterfowl Hunt Map

